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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON PHNOM PENH AND CINCPAC INFO
USDAO AND USSAG/7TH AF FROM STATE JULY 7, REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP XC
SUBJECT: VISIT OF GENERAL FREDERICK C. WEYAND

JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

REF: SAIGON 11989

1. THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT IS TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR
RELEASE MONDAY AM, 9 JULY (WASHINGTON TIME) CONCERNING THE
VISIT OF GENERAL WEYAND. REQUEST YOU COORDINATE WITH HOST
COUNTRIES. ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS: QUOTE SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE, JAMES R. SCHLESINGER HAS DIRECTED GENERAL FREDE-
RICK C. WEYAND, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, U.S. ARMY PACIFIC AND
FORMER COMMANDER, U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIET-
NAM, TO UNDERTAKE A FACT-FINDING VISIT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.
HE WILL REVIEW THE CURRENT SITUATION IN VIETNAM. HE WILL
ALSO VISIT CAMBODIA TO ASSESS THE SITUATION THERE. HE WILL
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REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE UPON COMPLETION OF HIS

VISIT. UNQUOTE.

2. A BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN SAIGON GENERALLY OUTLINING
THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT AS DESCRIBED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT ABOVE IS APPROPRIATE. A BRIEF
GENERAL STATEMENT UPON DEPARTURE, INCLUDING WORDS TO THE
EFFECT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS THE
SPECIFICS OF HIS VISIT PRIOR TO REPORTING TO THE SECRETARY

OF DEFENSE IS IN KEEPING WITH PREVIOUS VISITS OF THIS
NATURE.

3. FOR SAIGON: WE AGREE THAT GENERAL WEYAND SHOULD SEE
PRESIDENT THIEU AND REQUEST THAT YOU MAKE THE ARRANGE-
MENTS. RUSH

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